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1. SUMMARY: EUROPEAN LIAISON GROUP (ELG) MEETING MAY 31-JUNE 1 IN ATHENS CONCLUDED THAT PRESENT POST SITREPS IN CRISIS SITUATION VARY WIDELY AND USUALLY OMIT EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION (E&E) IMPLICATIONS. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND STANDARDIZED SITREP REPORTING FORMAT, CONTAINING POLITICAL, DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC, LOCAL MILITARY/DISSIDENT, E&E, AND LOGISTIC CONDITIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS, WOULD PRECLUDE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND ELIMINATE MUCH UNNECESSARY MESSAGE TRAFFIC. END SUMMARY.

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2. CRISIS SITUATIONS TRADITIONALLY RAISE QUESTIONS BY OTHER USG ELEMENTS WITH DIFFERING RESPONSIBILITIES. POST REPORTING UNDER ADVERSE SITUATIONS IS DIFFICULT AND OFTEN HECTIC, PARTICULARLY WHEN EARLY PHASES OF AN EMERGENCY MAKE PRUDENT A REDUCTION OF PERSONNEL. DURING SUCH PERIOD THE INFORMATIONAL NEEDS OF OTHER ELEMENTS INCREASE ALONG WITH OTHER BURDENS ON

THE POST THUS ADDING TO THE PRESSURE. A STANDARD SITREP CONTAINING DATA VITAL TO INFORMATIONAL NEEDS OF ELEMENTS BOTH IN THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES WOULD PRECLUDE MISUNDERSTANDINGS, UNNECESSARY QUERIES, AND ALLOW POSTS TO REDUCE CLASSIFIED TRAFFIC.

3. DURING THE BEIRUT EVACUATION, REPORTING WAS FREQUENTLY QUITE SPECIALIZED IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AREAS WHILE LITTLE MENTION WAS MADE TO AMCIT STATUS OR OTHER VITAL SUBJECTS. DATA RE POTENTIAL/PROBABLE EVACUEE NUMBERS AND LOCATION, STATUS OF PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE ASSEMBLY AREAS AND EVACUTATION POINT OR ROUTES, WARDEN SYSTEM, COMMUNICATION NEEDS, AND TRANSPORTATION MODES WERE SELDOM ADDRESSED. THIS INFORMATION GAP GENERATED ADDITIONAL MESSAGE TRAFFIC AND CAUSED CONFUSION.

4. RECENT SITREPS FROM KINSHASA, ZAIRE HAVE FOLLOWED A STANDARDIZED FORMAT AND HAVE BEEN USEFUL IN PROVIDING RESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS NECESSARY INFORMATION IN A CONCISE, STRUCTURED MANNER. INFORMATION REGARDING THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION, DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES, THE MILITARY SITUATION OF HOSTILE AND FRIENDLY FORCES, STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, AND OTHER SUBJECTS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE DAILY SITREP. AS THESE AREAS ALL OBVIOUSLY REPRESENT COUNTRY TEAM INPUTS, THE PROVIDE END-USERS WITH A CONCISE AND COMPREHENSIVE EMBASSY STATUS REPORT. ELG MEMBERS OF USCINCEUR, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE CONTINUALLY BEEN ABLE TO TURN TO THE SAME PARAGRAPH IN THE DAILY ZAIRE SITREP AND STAY ABREAST OF THE E&E SITUATION.

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5. BASED ON VIEWS OF ATTENDEES AT ATHENS MEETING, ELG STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT DEVELOP AND INSTITUTE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND STANDARDIZED SITUATION REPORTING FORMAT. THE FOLLOWING ARE SUBBESTED FOR INCLUSION/BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

A. POLITICAL SITUATION

B. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES

C. LOCAL MILITARY/DISSIDENT SITUATION

(1) HOSTILE FORCES

(2) FRIENDLY FORCES

(3) OTHER OUTSIDE FORCES

D. ECONOMIC SITUATION

E. PRESS/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REACTION

F. LOGISTICAL SITUATION

(1) SUPPLIES FUEL

(2) FUNDS

(3) LOCAL NATIONAL EMPLOYEE (FSL) AVAILABILITY

G. (1) AMERICAN CITIZEN STATUS

(A) CHANGES IN NUMBER OF "PROBABLE" EVACUEES BY GEOGRAPH-

ICAL LOCATION, TO INCLUDE THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS.
(B) CHANGES IN STATUS OF PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE ASSEMBLY
AREAS AND EVACUATION POINTS AND STATUS OF CIVIL TRANS-
PORTATION MANS
(C) WARDEN SYSTEM STATUS
(D) COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS
(E) HEALTH PROBLEMS
H. CURRENT E&E PHASE AND FORECAST.

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